### **Sharing Our Joy**

#### RABBI ELLIOT J. COSGROVE

ebbie and I are ever grateful for the warmth and caring the congregation shows our children as they grow. Next month we joyfully anticipate the Bat Mitzvah of our second daughter, Maddie. Please join us, our family, and our friends for Shabbat morning services and celebrate with us at kiddush afterwards.

With much love
we invite you to share in our joy
as our daughter

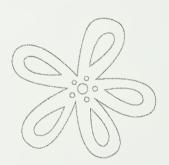
# Madeline Raya מיטל רעיה

is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah
Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim
פרשת אחרי מות-קדשים
May 2, 2015
13th lyyar, 5775

At nine-fifteen in the morning Park Avenue Synagogue New York City

Kiddush and kvelling to follow services

Debbie and Elliot Cosgrove



### Park Avenue Synagogue Bulletin

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#### WEEKDAY MINYAN

Shaharit Mondoy - Fridoy ot 7:15 am, except where noted. Sundoy ot 9:00 om. Minha/Ma'ariv Sunday - Thursdoy at 5:45 pm.

For Congregational School and Young Family Shabbat programming, see pp. 10-11.

### Friday, April 3 14 Nisan

Erev Pesah

Ta'anit Bekhorot, Fast of the Firstborn

7:00 am | Morning minyan & Siyyum

**Last opportunity to sell hametz** (See the Pesah Guide enclosed in the March Bulletin, or visit pasyn.org, click on Holidays and then on Pesah Resources. Either authorize the sale electronically or print the form, fill it out, and bring or send it to the synagogue.)

**6:30 pm** | Minha and Festival Evening service

7:00 pm | Community Seder with Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

and Cantor Shira Lissek (Register on pasyn.org by March 27)

### Saturday, April 4 15 Nisan

Pesah, 1st day

**9:15** am | Festival service, including *Tal*, the prayer for dew Food Pantry Shabbat

20 minutes after services, Minha

**4:00 pm** | Young Family Seder (see p. 11)

**6:30 pm** | Festival Evening service

7:00 pm | Community Seder with Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

and Cantor Azi Schwartz (Register on pasyn.org by

March 27)

### Sunday, April 5 16 Nisan

Pesah, 2nd day

*9:15 am* | Festival Morning service

20 minutes after services, Minha

No service at 5:45 pm

### Monday, April 6 17 Nisan

Pesah, 3rd day

**7:15** am | Minyan with Hallel, Torah reading and Musaf

5:45 pm | Minha/ma'ariv

### Tuesday, April 7 18 Nisan

Pesah, 4th day

7:15 am | Minyan with Hallel, Torah reading and Musaf

**5:45 pm** | Minha/ma'ariv

### Wednesday, April 8 19 Nisan

Pesah, 5th day

7:15 am | Minyan with Hallel, Torah reading and Musaf

**5:45 pm** | Minha/ma'ariv

### Thursday, April 9 20 Nisan

Pesah, 6th day

7:15 am | Minyan with Hallel, Torah reading and Musaf

**5:45 pm** | Minha/ma'ariv

### Friday, April 10 21 Nisan

Pesah, 7th day

9:15 am | Festival Morning service

11:00 am | Day School Community service

20 minutes after services, Minha

**6:15 pm** | Shabbat/Festival Evening service

### Saturday, April 11 22 Nisan

Pesah, 8th day

**9:15** *am* | Festival service with Yizkor

Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Besca

Bat Mitzvah of Jane Cohen

20 minutes after services | Minha

### Wednesday, April 15 26 Nisan

6:00 pm | Music & Memory: A Yom HaShoah Observance





**COUNT THE OMER** beginning on the second night of Pesoh, April 4. For the brokhot for counting the omer ond the count for each doy, visit pasyn.org, click on Holidays and then on Pesoh Resources.

### Thursday, April 16 27 Nisan

Yom HaShoah

7:15 am | Minyan with insertions in the Amidah for Yom HaShoah and El Maleh Rahamim in memory of the Six Million

Friday, April 17 28 Nisan 6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

### Saturday, April 18 29 Nisan

Parashat Sh'mini

9:15 am | Sanctuary service

Bar Mitzvah of Mason Geller

**9:30 am** | Havurah

The Havurah is a lay-led and child-friendly Shabbat morning service open to individuals and families of all ages and all levels of synagogue skills who want an intimate and informal prayer experience.

**11:15** *am* | YFE services (see p. 11) 20 mins after services, Minha

### Sunday, April 19 30 Nisan

Rosh Hodesh

**9:00 am** | Minyan with Hallel, Torah reading, and Musaf

### Monday, April 20 1 Iyyar

Rosh Hodesh

7:15 am | Minyan with Hallel, Torah reading, and Musaf

### Wednesday, April 22 3 Iyyar

Yom HaZikaron observed

7:15 am | Minyan with El maleh rahamim in memory of Israel's fallen

### Thursday, April 23 4 Iyyar

Yom HaAtzma'ut observed

Yom HaAtzma'ut, Israeli Independence Day, is on the 5th of Iyyar; Yom HaZikaron, Memorial Day, is the day before. When 5 Iyyar falls on a Friday, the observance of Yom HaAtzma'ut is moved to 4 Iyyar so that observances do not detract from the start of Shabbat.

Friday, April 24 5 Iyyar 6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

# Saturday, April 25 6 Iyyar

TGIS: Thank God It's Shabbat!

Seminary Shabbat with JTS Chancellor Arnold Eisen and Guest Artist Rick Recht

9:00 – 9:50 am | Activities for all ages, including Shaharit & Study, Yoga, Chess, Young Family Sing-Along, PAS Youth Choir, and Window on Israel with Chancellor Eisen (see pasyn.org for full list)

**10:00 am – 12:00 pm** | Shabbat Kids' Club (childcare for ages 2–5; sign up at pasyn.org)

10:00 am - 12:15 pm | Community Shabbat Worship

Guest artist: Rick Recht

Guest speaker: Chancellor Arnold Eisen, JTS

**12:15 pm** | Kiddush Lunch

12:30 pm | Chancellor Eisen and Rabbi Cosgrove

in dialogue



**ARNOLD M. EISEN** is one of the world's foremost authorities on American Judaism. Since taking office at JTS in 2007, Chancellor Eisen has transformed the education of religious, pedagogical, professional and lay leaders for Conservative Judaism and the vital religious center of North American Jewry. His initiatives include dual-track degrees for rabbis and

cantors; programs in early childhood, experiential, adult, and Israel education; increased interdisciplinary teaching; the fully accredited and interreligious Center for Pastoral Education; the Milstein Center for Interreligious Dialogue, and the Mitzvah Initiative.



RICK RECHT is one of the most celebrated Jewish artists of our time, widely recognized as a pioneer of the Jewish rock music genre, elevating the medium of Jewish music as a powerful and effective tool for developing Jewish pride and identity. He is the national music spokesman for PJ Library. Founder and executive director of Songleader Boot Camp, one

of the top Jewish leadership training programs in North America, Recht is regarded as a top Jewish educator and leader in addition to his role as an artist.

PAS clergy will preach and conduct services, with Colin Fowler at the organ and piono; the Synogogue Chair: Eno Freeman, Yanah Gershator, Alex Guerrero and Tim Krol; ond musicions: Gil Smuskowitz, boss; Mike Cohen, woodwinds; and Ronen Itzik, percussion. Abe Lebovic is our regulor Toroh Reoder, ond Mork Froier is our Rituol Director.

Can't make it to the synagogue? PAS Sonctuory services ore live streomed. Visit posyn.org/webcost.

## Synagogue Family

### BNEI MITZVAH בני מצוה



**Jane Cohen** April 11 | 8th Day of Pesah Daughter of Ellen & Peter Cohen



**Jessica Besca** April 11 | 8th Day of Pesah Daughter of Geri & Mark Besca



Mason Geller April 18 | Shemini Son of Lauren Schor Geller & Martin Geller

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Micheline & Mitchell Epstein Yfat & Bradley Gendell Manuela & Ronald Hamaoui Seth Mitchell Stacy Moskowitz Leila Johnson & David Kaplan Melissa Frey & Malcolm Levine

### condoLences המקום ינחם

Nancy & Michael Hodin on the loss of her sister, Susan Jackson

Katie Nadler, Amy & Andrew Goldstein, and Cara & Brian Cook on the loss of their father and father-in-law, David Nadler

Fredric Roberts and Erica & David Friedman, on the loss of Frederic's wife, Erica's mother, Judith Roberts

### מזל טוב MAZAL TOV

Jack Topal on receiving the 2015 Robert Briscoe Award, bestowed each year on a member of the New York Jewish community in appreciation of his or her efforts to better the lives of Irish immigrants

Janice & David Barnard on the engagement of their daughter Sarah to Sam Carroll, and to the young couple

Angela Fort & Robert Haar on their marriage

Jennifer & Peter Bernstein on the birth of a son, Eli Samuel Bernstein, and to grandparents Vivian & Daniel Bernstein

Michelle & Paul Kaplan on the birth of a son, Shay Liam Kaplan, and to grandparents Barbara & Neal Kaplan Adrian Walter-Ginzburg on the birth of a grandson, Rafael Yehonatan Keizman, and to aunt Yael Ginzburg and parents Esti Ginzburg & Adi Keizman

Samantha & Jeffrey Mizrahi on the birth of twin sons, Parker Loria Mizrahi and Harris Loria Mizrahi, and to grandparents Sivia Loria and Jeffrey Loria

Laura & Keith Rosenbloom on the birth of a son, Benjamin Lewis

Sarah Gould & David Steinhardt on the birth of a son, Eli Arthur Steinhardt

**Debra & Stuart Abramovitz** on the engagement of their daughter Rachel to Michael Katz, and to the young couple

NEW! Honoring PAS Membership Anniversaries Friday | May 8 | Bluegrass Kabbalat Shabbat | 6:15 pm

We will honor members who have joined PAS since July 2014, as well as 5-year members who joined in 2010. In October, we will honor members who have been part of the PAS community for 18, 36, and 54 years. Milestone members will receive personal invitations. Everyone is invited to come say *Mazal tov*!

## This Month at PAS

Sponsored by Tikkun Olam

### Pre-Pesah Hametz Food Drive Wednesday | April 1

Last day to bring hametz foods for the New York Common Pantry.

Passover Melton Session – Open to All

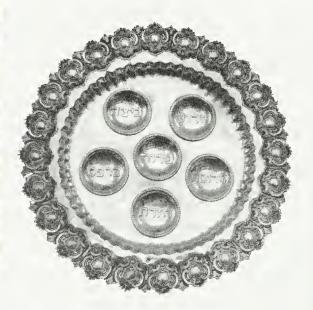
### The Rabbis of Bnei Brak: Who Were They and Why Were They Up So Late?

Thursday | April 9 | 10:00 am | Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

A mid-Passover learning session with Rabbi Zuckerman has become a PAS Pesah tradition.

Open to everyone – current, past, and possible future Melton students.

**No charge,** but please register in advance at pasyn.org.



### **Project Prom**

Clothing Drive | April 13–19 | PAS Set-up | April 19 | 12:00 pm | Emanu-El Shopping Days | April 20–23, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm | April 24, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Temple Emanu-El

PAS will partner with Temple
Emanu-El and Central Synagogue
to dress hundreds of girls from
low-income New York City public
high schools for their proms. PAS
will host a collection drive in April,
assist with set-up and help the
girls shop for donated dresses. We
will be collecting cocktail/evening
dresses, dress shoes/pumps, evening
handbags/clutches and costume
jewelry.

To volunteer for set-up or to help the students shop, RSVP directly to Temple Emanu-El liaisan Carol Hess at carol.m.hess@gmail.com. Far questians about the collection drive, please cantact Stefanie Danath and Jessie Harris at PAStikkunolam@gmail.com.

Sholom Aleichem Yiddish Club Tuesday | April 14 | 1:00 pm

### East Side Torah Learning Coalition (TLC) Pirke Avot Dialogues

Tuesdays | April 14 – May 19 April 14 | 7:00 pm | Congregation Or Zarua

April 21 | 1:00 pm | Town & Village Synagogue

April 28 | 7:00 pm | Temple Israel of the City of New York

Join the larger UES learning community to study Pirke Avot between Pesah and Shavuot. As in past years, clergy and educators from TLC congregations will teach at other TLC congregations.

### Conservative Judaism Today and Tomorrow

Tuesday | April 14 | 6:30 pm | Rabbi Cosgrove

### The PAS Congregational Singers

Tuesdays | April 14, 21 | 7:00 pm Wednesday | April 15 | 5:00 pm, warm-up; 6:00 pm, Yom HaShoah Observance Thursday | April 30 | 7:00 pm

Sponsored by Tikkun Olam

### Grocery Packing at New York Common Pantry

Wednesday | April 15 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | Adult volunteers needed

### Music and Memory: A Yom HaShoah Observance Led by Cantor Shira Lissek

Wednesday | April 15 | 6:00 pm

The Tikkun Olam Committee is pleased to welcome Holocaust survivors from The Blue Card to join us for the observance.



A Taste of Foundations of Jewish Family Living Thursday | April 16 | 9:30 am





Midtown Lunch & Learn:

### From Passover to Shavuot: Counting Up

Mondays | April 20, 27; May 4, 11 | 12:30 pm | Rabbinic Intern Leah Loeterman

We traditionally count each of the 49 days between Passover and Shavuot, the omer, marking the journey from slavery and redemption in Egypt to revelation and receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai. Delving into this transition from redemption to revelation in the wilderness, we'll discuss the significance of counting the omer today. Space is limited. Cost: free/members; \$36/general

Women's Network Film Series Tuesday | April 21 | 1:00 pm Nicky's Family

### East Side Yom HaAtzma'ut Celebration with the Jewish National Fund

Wednesday | April 22 | 6:30 pm, Checkin; 7:00 pm, Program

Come for a New York City community reading of the *Megillat HaAtzma'ut* (Israeli Declaration of Independence) on Israel's 67th Independence Day. We will strengthen the connection between the American and Israeli Jewish communities by establishing a new Jewish tradition worldwide: canonizing the text of *Megillat HaAtzma'ut* as the official text for Yom Ha'Atzma'ut.

Sponsored by Young Couples Group

Shabbat Mix & Mingle Friday | April 24 | 7:00 pm | Members' homes Seminary Shabbat
Chancellor Arnold Eisen, Jewish
Theological Seminary
Saturday | April 25 (see page 4)
9:00 am | TGIS | Window on Israel
with Chancellor Eisen
10:00 am | Sanctuary Service with
musical guest Rick Recht; Chancellor

Eisen will speak After Kiddush | Chancellor Eisen and Rabbi Cosgrove in dialogue

### **Evening Book Discussion Group**

Monday | April 27 | 8:00 pm | Pat Davidson The Zone of Interest: A Novel by Martin Amis

Cosponsored by Men's Club, Women's Network and JBFCS and DOROT Partners in Caring

Health Forum: Major Issues Thursday | April 28 | 7:00 pm

 $Shabbat\ Dinner\ Series/PAS\ Conversation$ 

Dr. Stephen Berk

And the Wall Came Tumbling Down: The Fall of the Berlin Wall and Its Implications Today

Friday | May 8 | services 6:15 pm; dinner approx. 7:30 pm



at Union College, where his classes sell out because of his reputation as one of the great lecturers at

any college in America. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from a world expert on Eastern Europe, Jewish history and modern Israel. Register

**Register now for next month:** go to posyn.org by Moy 4.

## Library Monday | 12:00 = 6:00 pm

Tuesday – Thursday | 12:00 – 6:30 pm Friday | by appointment



The Edmond de Rothschild Library Director: Marga Hirsch

The library is one of the most popular and valuable resources at PAS, and now it's better than ever. We've reorganized the books. Instead of the Dewey Decimal system that you know from school and public libraries, we are using the Elazar system, designed especially for Jewish libraries. The labels look the same, but now the collection is organized according to Jewish categories. Books hold Jewish knowledge, and now you can find it faster.

Go to pasyn.org/rothschildlibrary to search the catalog, or stop by in person. Enjoy fiction, biographies, poetry ond short stories. Study Bible, theology, Jewish living, Isroel, ond more. Bring your kids to the great children's section, where they can borrow books or just hong out and ploy with puzzles and toys. When a librarian isn't in, follow the posted instructions to check out ar return books.

#### Closed for classes:

Mondoys, April 13, 20, 27, 6:30–9:00 pm; Wednesdoys, April 15, 29, 7:00–8:00 pm; Thursdoys, April 2, 9, 23, 30, 9:15–10:15 om.

## Weekly Classes

### MONDAY

Siddur Hebrew 1 & 2 | April 6, 13, 20, 27 | 6:45 pm | Marga Hirsch

Shulhan Ivrit April 20 | 7:00 pm

Sponsored by the Rabbinical Assembly

Exploring Judaism | April 6, 13, 20, 27 | 7:00 pm | Sutton Place Synagogue | Rabbi Benjamin Resnick

### **TUESDAY**

Essential Essays
April 7, 14, 21 | approx. 8:00 am,
immediately after morning minyan |
Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

Contemporary Jewish Thought 11:30 am | Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

Adult Bat Mitzvah April 14, 21, 28 | 6:30 pm | Cantor Shira Lissek and Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

### WEDNESDAY



the florence melton school of adult jewish learning

A PROJECT OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

For Graduates of Context and FMSAJL

Po-lyn: The Complicated Present, Past and Future of Poland and Its Jews

April 15 | 6:45 pm

April 21\*, 29 | 6:30 pm | Rabbi Shmuel Afek

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning: Year 2 April 1, 15, 21\*, 29 | 6:45 pm | Rabbi Shmuel Afek and Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

Foundations of Jewish Family Living: Jewish Values for Parents to Share with Their Children

April 15, 29 | 7:00 pm | Rabbi Eve Rudin

\*Note: Becouse of Yom HoAtzma'ut, these closses will meet on Tuesday, April 21, instead of Wednesday, April 22.

### THURSDAY

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning: Year 1 April 2, 23, 30 | 9:15 am | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove and Debbie Cosgrove

For Graduates of Context and FMSAJL

The Holocaust as Reflected in Diaries and Memoirs April 2, 23, 30 | 9:15 am | Rabbi Charles Savenor

For Graduates of Context and FMSAJL

Shemot I: From Slavery to Sinai

April 2, 23, 30 | 9:15 am | Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky

Sponsored by the Rothschild Library

Library Lunch & Learn 12:00 pm

April 2 | No session

April 9 | Rabbi Charles Savenor

April 16 | Insights from Israel | Rabbi Michael Graetz (by Skype from Israel)

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April 23 | Sarah Brokman

April 30 | Abe Lebovic

Sponsored by the Rabbinical Assembly

Exploring Judaism April 2, 16, 23, 30 | 7:00 pm Ansche Chesed | Rabbi Joel Shaiman PAS | Rabbi William Plevan

For additional information about classes listed here, please look in the Winter/Spring Program Cotolog or on posyn.org.

To register for Adult Education classes, unless otherwise noted in the description, go to posyn.org ond click on "Adult Education." Then, click on "Classes" on the left side of the page and on the oppropriate registration link. Those without internet occess may call 212-369-2600, x146.

### FRIDAY

Daf HaShavua: Weekly Talmud Study

April 17, 24 | 8:00 am, immediately after morning minyan | Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky

### SATURDAY/SHABBAT

Parashat HaShavua | 8:45 am

## Gallery



## Joseph Bau: A Man of His Time and Beyond Through April

Joseph Bau recorded the human experience for more than seven decades, in stark, black and white images of the Holocaust; in colorful oils reflecting his life in Israel; and in art of the Hebrew letters. As a prisoner of the Nazis, Joseph Bau saved his own life by creating maps and documents for his captors, all the while fabricating documents that enabled others to escape. Beginning in 1950, Bau documented the experience of the early years of the State of Israel in art and in film. Called the "Disney of Israel," Joseph Bau created classic animation and titles for many of Israel's early films. His iconic advertising logos are recognized decades later.



If you need assistance from the Caring Network, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Rabbi Neil Zuckerman's office at chernandez@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x143.

Sponsored by UJA@PAS

### **Social Work Support for PAS Members and Their Families**

Tuesdays | 3:00 – 5:30 pm, by appointment | Shira Felberbaum, MSW

For more information or ta moke on appaintment, please call Shira at 212-632-4735, email her at sfelberbaum@jbfcs.arg or cantact Crystol Hernandez at chernandez@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x143.

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### Social Work Support for PAS Seniors, Families and their Caregivers

Thursdays | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm | Yael Kornfeld, LMSW

**For more information** ar ta make an appaintment, call Yael at 212-769-2850, emoil her at ykarnfeld@dorotusa.org ar contact Crystol Hernondez ot chernandez@pasyn.arg or 212-369-2600, x143.

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pasyn.org/calendar

GET UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION ABOUT PAS PROGRAMS, EVENTS & SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT WWW.PASYN.ORG/CALENDAR.



For details, please refer to the Winter/Spring Program Catalog or pasyn.org

### Congregational School Schedule

Friday – Sunday | April 3–12 | Pesah, no Congregational School classes

Monday | April 13 | Classes resume

Friday – Saturday | April 17–18 | Gimel, Dalet, Hey, Vav (3–6) Family Retreat

Saturday | April 18 | 11:00 am | Gan, Alef & Bet (K-2) Family Shabbat Experience | Liederkranz (6 East 87th Street)

Monday – Thursday | April 20–23 | School-wide Yom HaAtzma'ut programs

Friday | April 24 | 7:30 pm, following Kabbalat Shabbat | Hey, Vav, Zayin (5-7) Family Shabbat dinner | PAS

Saturday | April 25 | No Shabbat Experience programs | TGIS with Guest Musician Rick Recht (see p. 4)

Sunday | April 26 | Gimel, Dalet, Hey, Vav (3–6) Trip to Ellis Island

Thursday | April 30 | 5:45 pm | Vav (Grade 6) Bnei Mitzvah Family Program



### **PAS Youth Choir**

Saturday | April 25 | TGIS | Rehearsal, 9:00-9:50 am; sing in the sanctuary, 10:00 am

The Park Avenue Synagogue Youth Choir is open to children age five and up. The Youth Choir learns music and performs with our cantors at Shabbat and holiday services.

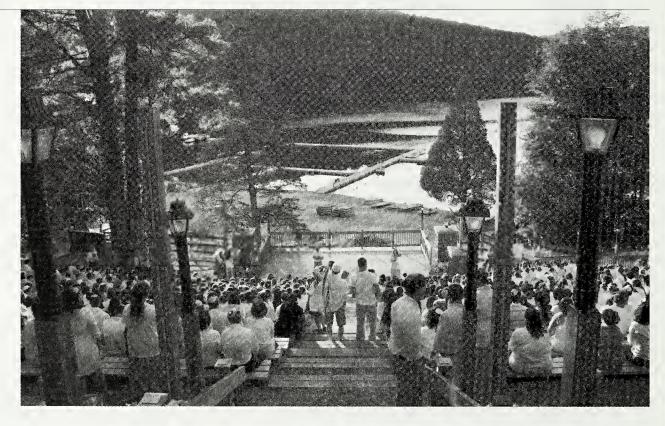
For more information, contact Phyllis Spiro at pspiro@pasyn.org.

### Jewish Summer Camp Shabbat at PAS!

### FROM THE CAMP COMMITTEE

n a freezing February 28, the PAS chapel was transformed into a warm, sunny, summer camp Shabbat. Decked out in their camp t-shirts, several learners who attend Jewish summer camp helped Rabbi Rudin lead the service for learners in Hey and Vav (Grades 5 & 6). They taught camp tunes and presented beautiful poetic readings.

The campers also shared their favorite parts of Shabbat at Jewish summer camp: "Shabbat services by the lake." "Eating chicken soup." "Eating



brownies on every Shabbat." "Being together with the entire camp dressed for Shabbat." "Singing Shabbat songs in the dining hall." "Having extra free time on Shabbat."

The campers' energy and enthusiasm

about their Jewish summer homes was contagious.

For more information on summer programs for children or teens, contact Rabbi Eve Rudin at erudin@pasyn.org.

To RSVP for any program, go to www.pasyn.arg and click an Young Family Education. For dinners, cancellations with refund (or credit towards another dinner) are passible until the Wednesday before the dinner.

#### YFE WORSHIP & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### **Young Family Pesah Seder**

Saturday | April 4 | 4:00 pm | with Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky, Eliana Light, and Matt Check

Families with children ages 0–6 are invited to a seder celebration geared to the little ones.

Register by Friday, March 27 at pasyn.org.

### **Young Family Pesah Service**

Friday | April 10 | 11:15 am

Families with children o-6 are invited to join members of the clergy and YFE Director Matt Check on the 7th day of Pesah for a musical celebration of freedom.

### **Shirat Shabbat**

Friday | April 17 | 9:10 – 9:35 am | For parents and toddlers ages 3 and under

Join Matt Check and a member of the clergy for song, dance, a short story and challah to welcome Shabbat.

### **Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner for Families with Young Children**

Friday | April 17 | Service 5:00 pm, Dinner approx. 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Families with children ages zero to six are invited to join our clergy for a family-friendly service, followed immediately by a child-friendly buffet dinner and short program. Children with April birthdays will receive a birthday blessing and a small gift. Space is limited.

Cost: \$40/members; \$45/general; \$20/children

### **Tot Tefillah**

Saturday | April 18 | 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Services include Shabbat songs, dancing, a PJ Library story and other activities, and end with kiddush and a light snack.

#### **TGIS for Tots**

Saturday | April 25 | Activities for young children and families at TGIS (see p. 4)

9:00 am | Sing-Along with Matt | For children ages 0–6 accompanied by an adult

**10:00 am | Shabbat Kids' Club |** Drop-off childcare for children ages 2–5 | Free, but please register at pasyn.org.

### A Taste of Torah – Jewish Activities for Pre-K Thursdays | April 30, May 14 | 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Sessions include arts & crafts, baking and storytelling. Children may attend any or all of the monthly sessions.

Cost: \$50/sessian

### SUMMER TODDLER PROGRAMS

### June Mini-Semester

Thursdays | June 4, 11, 18, 25

Cost for either class: \$200 for the month

### **Kitah Rishonah (First Class)**

11:15 am - 12:00 pm | Ages: 10 - 16 months with a parent or caregiver

Offering an introductory Jewish group experience with music, we will sing kid-friendly songs for Shabbat, holidays and every day.

### HaMishpachah Sheli (My Family)

9:30 - 10:30 am | Ages: 17 - 23 months with a parent or caregiver

Children will explore Jewish themes and holidays through stories, song, movement, arts and crafts, and free play.

Register now on pasyn.org for Fall Toddler and Afterschool Programs.

### PAS Teens & Rabbi Judah Nadich High School

Contact Jordan Soffer, Director of Teen Programs, jsoffer@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x147 or 845-596-7134 for more information.

### LET'S LEARN

### **Dinner and Discussions**

Wednesdays | April 1, 15, 22, 29 | 6:00 pm

Enjoy dinner and discussion with Rabbi Witkovsky, Jordan Soffer, and Rabbi Savenor. We'll look at issues of Jewish identity, Israeli politics, and general questions in modern Judaism. Also Coffee Talk with Pauline Zablow!

### Parent and Teen Shabbat Study with Rabbi Cosgrove

Saturday | April 25 | 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Post-Bnei Mitzvah learners and their parents are invited to meet at Rabbi Cosgrove's apartment for study, schmoozing, snacks and Shabbat fun!

### LET'S DO

### **Food Pantry Shabbat**

Saturday | April 4 | Sanctuary Service

At the seder meals, we symbolically invite "all who are hungry, come and eat." All year long, our Food Pantry provides real food for the hungry. This Shabbat morning – the first day of Pesah – is dedicated to honoring the efforts and accomplishments of Food Pantry volunteers.

### **PAS Teens A Capella Group**

Rehearsals | Saturdays | April 11, 18; May 9, 16, 30; June 6 | 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Performance: Shabbat morning services | May 2 | 10:00 am Performance: Annual Musicale | Sunday | May 17

Sing, schmooze and snack with friends on Shabbat afternoon. Rehearsals are held at Cantor Azi Schwartz's home. Contact Phyllis Spiro at pspiro@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x115 for the address.

### **Project Prom Clothing Drive**

April 13 – 19 | See p. 6

### **PAS Food Pantry**

Wednesdays | April 15, 22, 29 | 4:00 pm | Food packing Fridays | April 17, 24; May 1 | 3:30 pm | Food distribution

### LET'S GO

### how i met your rabbi

Friday | Date TBA | 7:30 pm

Teens are invited to Shabbat dinners with PAS rabbis and Jordan Soffer. Join us for a delicious meal, singing and Shabbat fun!





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**student on campus!** High School graduates remain part of the PAS family during their college years. They receive emails with synagogue news, updates, and insights from PAS clergy and educators, plus holiday packages several times a year. If you've not yet registered or updated your student's contact information on pasyn.org, please do it now, and remember to update if the information changes in the fall.

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#### **BIKUR CHOLIM FUND**

Ruth Levenson, in memory of Ralph Levenson.

Louis Bernstein & Barbara Weinstein, in honor of their anniversary.

#### CANTOR SCHWARTZ DISCRETIONARY FUND

James A. Goldman, in gratitude beyond measure to Cantor Shira Lissek for her gracious words of consolation on the sudden passing of my brother in November

Bernard & Phyllis Leventhal, with great appreciation and thanks to Ben Ellerin. Boris Lustik, in memory of Harry Zain.

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Mara Safra, in honor of Justine's Bat Mitzvah.

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Kirk Zachary, in memory of Rose Zachary.

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Paul Levine, in honor of his birthday.

Andrew & Maris Rosenberg.

Benjamin Rothman, in honor of his birthday.

Aaron & Zina Stern, in honor of their anniversary.

Elise Strauss, in memory of Rose Zachary.

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Marlene Zausner, in honor of David Zausner.

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Dorothy Lang, in most beloved memory of my most precious brother, Murray Kleiman.

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Dana & Adam Lichtenstein, with thanks for the beautiful service for Zoey's baby

Cindy & Matthew Mark, in honor of Lizzy & Bryce Markus.

Mara Safra, in honor of Justine's Bat Mitzvah.

Edwin & Diane Schottenstein, in memory of Harold Schottenstein.

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Kirk Zachary, in memory of Rose Zachary.

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Deanna Adler, in honor of her birthday.

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Michael Brenner, in memory of Bella Brenner.

Constance & Bernard Breslin, in memory of Rose Zachary, mother of Kirk Zachary.

Melissa, Andrew & Danielle Brooks, in memory of Bari Schlesinger.

H. Paul Burak, in memory of Bette Burak.

H. Paul Burak, in memory of George Burak.

Charles & Bonnie Charrow, in honor of their anniversary.

Charles Charrow, in memory of my mother, Doris Charrow.

Angela & Michael Clofine, in memory of Bari Schlesinger; she was a friend to all and will be deeply missed.

Robert Cohen, in memory of Philip Cohen.

Edward Cohen, in honor of his birthday.

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Harriet Feiwel, in honor of her birthday.

Rhetta Felton, in memory of Dr. Samuel L. Berson.

Adam Forsted, in honor of his birthday.

David Freedberg, in memory of Ann Freedberg.

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Ethel Gardner, in memory of my mother, Mollie Lebowitz Lerner.

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Vicki Gross & Family, in memory of Bari Schlesinger.

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Janet Kramer, in memory of Irving Rosenfeld.

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Wesley & Evan LePatner, in honor of Rebecca Raphael's birthday.

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Andrea & Ivan Lustig, in memory of Judith Roberts.

Jeannette & A. Mervyn Mandelbaum, in honor of Jacqui Weidman and her friends helping with the Gala.

Morris Mark, in honor of his birthday.

Lizzy, Bryce, Lucy, Lola and Liv Markus, in memory of Ida Sobel, mother of Howard Sobel.

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### Contributions

### Read Across America comes to the ECC

#### PAMELA B. SCHWARTZ, DIRECTOR OF THE PASECC

onday, March 2 brought great excitement to the ECC as we celebrated Read Across America Day, which takes place every year on Dr. Seuss' birthday. Children and teachers came to school in pajamas. Our parent *Tikkun Olam* committee organized an initiative for each child to donate a book to donate to Project Cicero, an organization that brings children's literature to children in need. The children also delighted in bringing a favorite book to share with peers and teachers. In short, the day was all about BOOKS! We all came together in the big room to read stories and witnessed the magic that occurs when we all enjoy a good story.

The children loved coming to school in PJs and commented on how cozy and comfy they were all day. Some even tried to sneak PJs under their clothes the following day!

Reading to children is a treasure we share each day in the ECC. Teachers use stories as vehicles for teaching rich subject matters, and most of all, for building a love of reading. We invite you to come up to the 5th floor and view the photos documenting Read Across America Day in the ECC.



Lizzy, Bryce, Lucy, Lola and Liv Markus, in mcmory of Jakob Zylberberg, father of Joyce Varvatos and Susan Edelstein.

Fredric Mintz, in memory of Arby & Frieda Mintz.

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William Plotch, in memory of Leonard Plotch.

Beth Ring, in memory of H. Raymond Ring.

Ellen Roizen, in honor of her birthday.

Hilary Ronner, in memory of my mother, Gladys Ronner.

Joann Abrams Rosoff, in memory of my father, Joseph B. Abrams.

Mara Safra, in loving memory of Walter Eisen.

Mara Safra, in memory of Joseph Schwartz.

Leigh Schwartzreich, in memory of Mary Frohlich.

Leigh Schwartzreich, in memory of Lillian Borgenicht.

Barry Singer, in honor of his birthday.

Barry Slotniek.

Sydell & Ira Smith, in blessed memory of Bari Schlesinger.

Linda Yarden & Chris Smith and Callie and Eric Smith, in memory of Riehard Vaffa

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Irene Sommerfeld, in memory of Herman Sommerfeld.

Adrian Sondheimer, in memory of Bari Schlesinger.

Rosalyn Tauber-Scheidlinger, in memory of Shlomo Tauber.

Roxana Tetenbaum, in memory of Joseph Sobie.

Marvin Torker, in honor of his birthday.

Nancy Treiger, in memory of Martin Davis.

Christos Varkoutas, in memory of Bari Schlesinger.

Marvin Weinberg, in honor of his birthday.

Janet Weisberg-Samuels, in memory of Debra Greenberg.

Debbie Wilpon, in memory of Dorothy Anson.

Ellen Yuder, in memory of my father, Larry Davidman.

Kirk Zachary, in memory of Rose Zachary.

Rafael Zaklad, in honor of his birthday.

Jonathan & Arlyne Zeichner, in honor of their anniversary.

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Carol Judelson, on bchalf of the victims of the recent Edgewater, NJ, fire.

### YOUNG FAMILY EDUCATION FUND

Cantor Steven & Myrna Dress.

### **KOL NIDREI APPEAL 5775**

January 23 – February 19, 2015

Jane Bressler

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PAS Calendar of Events

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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For the brakhot visit pasyn.org,	<b>COUNT THE OMER</b> beginning on the second night of Pesah, Api For the brakhot for counting the omer and the count for each day, visit pasyn.org, click on Holidays and then on Pesah Resources.	cond night of Pesah, April 4. The count for each day, n on Pesah Resources.	5:00 pm Hametz Food Drive ends 6:00 pm Teen Learning 6:45 pm Melton 2	9:15 am Melton 1 9:15 am Holocaust Reflected 9:15 am Shemot I 12:00 pm Insights from Israel 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	7:00 am Minyan & Siyyum 6:30 pm Minha & Shabbat/ Festival svce 7:00 pm Community Seder	8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Shabbat & Festival svce Food Pantry Shabbat 20 mins after svces Minha 4:00 pm YFE Seder 6:30 pm Festival Evening svce 7:00 pm Community Seder
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Reflections of the Holocaust: A Class with Dr. Rachel Korazim

Tuesday | May 5 | 7:00 pm

In partnership with The Jewish Week

Is God a Threat to Religion?

Dr. Micah Goodman, in conversation with Rabbi Rick Jacobs and Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove
Tuesday | May 12 | 7:00 pm

A Taste of Melton: Sefirat HaOmer

Wednesday | May 13 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm

### Festive Farewell Kiddush to YFE's Matt Check

Friday | May 15 | 5:30 pm, after the Young Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service

### PAS Annual Meeting

Date to be announced | Watch your email and pasyn.org

### Tikkun Leil Shavuot

with Rabbi Leah Loeterman and Cantor Ben Ellerin Saturday | May 23 | Time TBA